

I am a longtime user of GPS, especially on Lake Michigan where I have cruised for many years . GPS has been invaluable, indeed lifesaving, in severe weather and fog.

I also use GPS when travelling by car, especially in Western Europe, at least twice year, and GPS has saved me much time and expense.

For me cruising up into northern Lake Michigan, the North Channel and Lake Huron without GPS would constitute a significant risk.

Broadband service is important but we already have several adequate broadband services and adding another should absolutely not come at the expense of GPS and public safety.

I have been following with great concern LightSquared's proposal to offer new broadband service since all studies have shown that it would cause significant interference with existing GPS signals and that the only remedy would be to retrofit every existing GPS receiver - an unrealistic and insurmountable task. That is, there is no existing remedy.

Not alone do I, an individual, use GPS regularly, but so does the entire commercial marine industry, and aviation and trucking industries. It is clear that LightSquared's proposal, if implemented, would severely impact safety and efficiency for millions of people.

Accordingly I rely on the FCC to continue to protect the integrity of the GPS system and I strongly support your recommendation to stop LightSquared's current proposal.